

# MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS



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QUARTER

"ELONGATEDLY SPEAKING-YOUR STATE"

By Jack Wilcox



Specializing in Elongateds issued from your state can be fun because of the challenge involved - of course at times it also can be frustrating when few additions to the collection turn up or you can't afford the price the dealer refuses to lower, etc. However that "find" waiting around the bend soon resolves this.

A listing from the Dow book for your state naturally is required, (Borrow a Dow book or ask for help). Next the various Roller's lists must be checked. Do some letter writing to learn who issued designs for your state. Write for auction lists (check Coin World ads) check the token auctions as well as John Spadone's elongated auction. Recheck the ads in the TEC, MEC, & CCE newsletters. Dig for any information. The hunt begins!

Remember you can design your own personal elongated which you can sell, trade, or give away, it being a state issue as well. This will be one you will have no trouble finding!

Take advantage of the free ad service in MEC to aid your search. Remember, your cry for assistance can also be a future article, which is always welcome. A "want list" for a single theme is easy to make up.

No State collection will be easy, perhaps few can be completed, but all will prove exciting and worthwhile, I'm certain. Elongated issues from your state will make an interesting future display and shed light on our hobby, especially at this Bi-centennial time.

If I can be of assistance, just try me, I'm only a letter away! I'll be glad to share my notes and lists. My state collection is going strong the only snags are the following tough ones from the Dow book: N.Jac #1, 3,4,8,10, N.Jpat #1. If anyone can help with these, please advise, perhaps we can trade.

It's not too late, don't let it wait, start your State Collection now! Let your elongateds be the pictures on the pages of your state's history book. Folks will surprise you with their comments once you start exhibiting your fun theme.



## THE MODERN ELONGATED

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October 12, 1975

### OPEN LETTER

First...., let me extend my personal and profound commendations to Mr. Burton Levy for his unceasing efforts in making MEC what it is today! I doubt if there would be a MEC today if it were not for his continued interests. There was a moment when all looked very discouraging...., and thanks to a few who responded to Burt's calling for co-operation from the membership.

Secondly..., I am a bit surprised at myself in the fact that I am actually taking a moment here to write this "open letter". --- Truthfully..., I was moved to do so because of what Mr. Fairbanks Sr. had to say in his article, "Elongatedly Yours". I certainly indorse his ideas on more frequent types of media to promote the hobby and its needs. However, I was primarily sturred by his comment, "which presently seems to be confined and/ or limited to a given few". -- Mr. Fairbanks..., I for one feel you are absolutely correct in your statement! For several years I have had the same feeling that the advantages in elongateds has definately been slanted towards the " given few "!

If the reader, by now, is not familiar as to who I am.., then let me say that I am one who personally took on a responsibility over seven years ago (1968) to put a work (book) together on the subject of the modern elongateds. What I felt would be a simple project then, turned out to be an almost nightmare! Without going into the mechanics or the details of the work, I can assure all that the task has been most arduous! I have sought the assistance of many! There has been many many vexatious delays! The work has turned out to be encyclopedic in scope. However, I have never given up! There has been many early interests by those who have awaited my work to be released. I have been sympathetic for the subscriber whom by now has long given up waiting. Moreover, I can hardly blame anyone for thinking the book is surely a lost cause. There are times I feel the same



way, when I realize the vastness of this volumous work! Most rollers have supported this important interest....., BUT, it would shock the entire membership-collector from all three elongated clubs how the "given few" have looked the other way in non support to my persistant pleas for their aid or assistance. Yes...., I mean from those who are in the top level in our hobby and completely ignored my every turn! — My purpose here is not to shoot down any specific individual, but it is most sad when a member-collector seeks out a need and is ignored. And I dont mean to refer to my needs alone! I have received hundreds of letters from interested collectors asking why certain rollers wont respond to requests for purchases, knowing that certain issues have been produced. - One collector wrote stateing that after spending many hundreds of dollars toward a rollers issues, subsequent issues were not available, thus loosing the chance to complete the rollers issued pieces. And.., I am sure that many other collectors know of these same rollers!

For years I have been an ardent collector of elongated coins as I found a very specific romance in them. I have designed, engraved, and produced many interesting issues; in turn never refused anyone interested in them. I do regret, however, that due to the tremendous involment in the production of the book, I have not over the many months had the time to produce new elongated issues, nor for that matter, had a moment to respond to many points or queries brought up in written articles. Having amassed much data and information, I could easily clear up a point in question. But much to my dislike, I simply could not devote the time, nor write articles which could be most enlightening. Perhaps one day, many questions will be answered when the work is completed. I am hopeful that I will be in a position soon to give a more specific time as to when the book will be ready. The manuscript is more or less complete, but there are mechanical aspects, such as preparing the work for the printers. It truly is very complex and it all takes a lot of time.

Meanwhile....., I do have to agree with Mr. Fairbanks. There has to be a definated " PUSH " in a direction that will be a total benefit to all...., and NOT " confined and/ or limited to a given few ".

A. A. ROSATO (October 12, 1975)

( Author of the forthcoming: MODERN ELONGATEDS )



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Roller - Lennie Schneider  
MEC 112  
TEC 692



## SUBJECT MATTER

By Lee Martin

Elongated rollers know that about 90% of their income is dependent upon subject matter. It's very easy to select a history-making news event an enshrine it on your miniature metal calendar known as an elongated; but that type of news is rare. Thus, to produce enough coins to pay for mailing costs and insure a profit, one has to concentrate on novel ideas or at the very least, subject matter of wide interest.

The House of Elongateds decided to ask its customers for suggestions. A special quarter was rolled from those ideas which became completed coins. (Marie Trinny received twenty-one quarters for her suggestion of California Missions.) The series has been very well received although the amount of work involved in producing the art has caused us to take a second look at involved subject matter.

One reader created the artwork for the Spirit of 1776, honoring the home of the individual who painted the original picture.

However, our most effective groups of elongateds are probably those associated with a continuing series. In this group we found that World War II airplanes, antique cars, and United States presidents have all been welcomed. We like them because we can make as few or as many as time allows.

It usually takes about two months for us to create enough dies to make an offering of approximately thirty or so coins. It's a good thing we don't have to rely on the income as a livelihood. Truly, rolling coins is primarily a labor of love for everyone in this end of the hobby.

The response to our request for subject matter was so extensive that we had to abandon the idea as soon as we could get word out to our readers. We publish six Newsletters a year, and in the first month we received enough suggestions to carry us through several years of production. Unfortunately, a lot of suggestions duplicated past issues of current ideas. Some are so involved it would require a coin the size of a shield to produce. Others used commercial names such as Disneyland, etc. This would have necessitated paying royalties and being licensed.

However, the ingeniousness of elongated collectors resulted in literally hundreds of acceptable ideas. Subject matter, as indicated, is of primary importance. Chances are, the coin you purchased had great personal appeal. Sometimes the roller will create a coin for personal satisfaction. "In Memorium" coins, honoring deceased celebrities, have proven to be poor sellers but the many happy hours we received when the stars were in their prime, have motivated several issues as our tribute to nostalgia.

The most popular coins we have created were those that detailed tomorrow's history..Nixon's Resignation, Ford Signs a Pardon, and Spiro Agnew Resigns. We have decided that the subject matter is the paramount reason why hobbyists are involved in elongated collecting. There is something available for every taste!



## PAUL'S SPECIALITIES

By Paul Aubry

I will be starting a listing of STORECARDS with this issue. The listing will not include the few storecards that are listed in the Dow book.

I'm not sure how much of an order I can list the coins in but I will try.

### LLOYD E. WAGAMAN

ELONGATED COIN COLLECTOR / HENRY W. BLAHA / BUY TRADE / 1813 S. 58th Court / Cicero, Illinois 60650 / shaking hands in center.

5220 E. 23rd St. / POLLARD / COIN & STAMP / SUPPLY CO. INC / INDPLS. IND. / line border with a star on each end.

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SCREEN PRINT CORP. / 1961 - 1971 / INDIANAPOLIS, IND. / Screen Print Corp. logo in center and line border.

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1240 49th St. South / ED HOLMES / PLUMBING / ST. PETERSON, FLA. / line border.

ELONGATED COINS / BUY SELL BY / LLOYD E. WAGAMAN / ROUTE 4 / MARTINSVILLE, IND. / horseshoe on left with lucky penny on it, small curved lines on sides / Var. 1

ELONGATED COINS / BUY TRADE SELL / LLOYD E. WAGAMAN / Route 1 Box 201 F / CAMBY, IND. 46113 / curly line border at each end with line border all around / Var. 2

Same as above with stars added between BUY and TRADE and between TRADE and SELL / Var. 3

ELONGATED COINS / LLOYD E. WAGAMAN / Route 1, Box 201-F / CAMBY, IND. 46113 / horseshoe on right with lucky cent on it, small curved lines on ends / Var. 4

ELONGATED COIN COLLECTOR / LLOYD E. WAGAMAN / Route 1, Box 195-D / CAMBY, IND. 46113 / line border / Var. 5

ALBERTA WAGAMAN / WITH / ELI LILLY & CO. / 1948 - 1973 / 25th ANNIVERSARY / line border.

GOOD LUCK FROM / JERRY BATES / Box 777 / ST. CHARLES, MO. / four leaf clover on left, horseshoe on right, and wish bone in center / line border.

LLOYD E. WAGAMAN / ANA PEC / TAMS / BOSTON, MASS. / 1973 / line border.

JERRY & BETTY BATES / SEPT. 29 / 1950 - 1975 / 25 YEARS / SILVER WEDDING ANNIV.

MARTINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL / CLASS OF 1973 / PAMELA GALE LATHAM / wishing well in center, line border.

Same as above with CLASS OF 1974 / SANDRA DALE LATHAM.



Same as above with CLASS OF 1975 / VICKY LYNN LATHAM.

TEXAL & VIRGINIA LATHAM / SEPT. 17 / 1949 - 1974 / 25 YEARS / SILVER WEDDING ANNIV. / line border.

JOHN STOBAUGH / CLASS OF '74 / SOUTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL / large bird in center, line border.

LLOYD & ALBERTA WAGAMAN / 1974 / BAL HARBOUR, FLA. / T.E.C. owl in center / line border.

GOOD LUCK FROM / BUZZY / THE MASTER LOVER / INDIANAPOLIS 926-8181 / horseshoe on left, four leaf clover on right, star in center / line border.

U.S. ASSAY COMMISSION / MEMBER / FRANK J. RUSSELL / 1971 / INDIANAPOLIS, IND. / line border.

WAGAMAN / shows the Wagaman Coat of Arms.

COLLECTOR OF WAGAMAN ELONGATEDS / ERIC H. GOODWIN / 1112 S. Figueroa St. / SANTA ANA, CALIF. / TEC 520 / elongated on elongated / line border.

LLOYD & ALBERTA WAGAMAN / 25th / SILVER WEDDING / ANNIVERSARY / JANUARY 31, 1970 / silver dime / line border.

MAX L. KELLER / 35 YEARS WITH / LILLY / APRIL 1st 1969 / line border.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. / L.E.W. / 1972 / line border.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. / ALBERTA WAGAMAN / 1972 / American flag on right side / line border.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. / SALLY & AL / KIRKA / 1972 / line border.

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Jack Wilcox said I should tell the members that are collecting topics to look thru Lee Martin's elongated book as many of the coins are listed with the rollers' name and address.

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GENERAL MOTORS BUILDING. The 177-foot tower dominates the building, which is 429 feet long and 306 feet wide. The construction is steel, concrete and steel-sheathed wall board. More than 1,100 piles were driven to provide the foundation.

Electric power used in the illumination requires 92,000 horsepower per month, enough to pump water for a city of 25,000 inhabitants or to provide home and street lighting for a city of 7,500. Three times this amount of power is used in the operation of the exhibits. Architect is Albert Kahn of Detroit. Construction equipment and operation of the exhibit represent an investment of approximately \$ 3,000,000.

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### THE BULLETIN BOARD

WANTED: All information on the topic of storecards for my column. Paul A. Aubry, 128 Jane St., Englewood, N.J. 07631

FOR TRADE: N.Y.-PAE # 6,9,11b,11c,12a,17,21; MO-SLWF # 2,9,10; CAL-PPIE # 4; N.Jac # 6; PEN-SCE # 1; N.Jap # 1; ILL-CPIC # 6,16,20,21,22,23,31,33a,38,38a,46,63,70,82,92,97a,99. L.C. Lamoreaux, 1116 McKelvey Lane, Center Square, Pa. 19422.

WANTED: The following issues by Lloyd E. Wagaman; Indiana # 13 Lloyd E. Wagaman storecard serial numbered, Society # 8 TEC Award 1967, & Society # 8a TEC Award 1968. Burton Neal Levy, P.O. Box 59428, Chicago, Illinois 60659.



## House of Elongateds

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CHRISTMAS

Greetings





P.O. Box 59428  
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Dear Fellow Members,

This Quarterly Newsletter brings the year to a close and MEC's accomplishments may be seen in print. I personally would like to thank the following members for their participation.

ARTICLES:

Abe Gefter	Kazuma Oyama
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(Lee Martin, Ron & Mary  
Chatham)  
Kurt R. Krueger  
Charles Mueller

As you can see the people represented here is just a small portion of the membership. Just think of the great newsletters, flowing with information and stories we could have if each member would write just one article a year. Am I asking too much - MEMBER? How about each of you sending me an article for a Christmas present?

In the last issue I mentioned in "Clem's Coin Shop" that "Election ballots will be mailed with the December issue...If you wish to hold an office, now's the time to state your intentions, and mail them to the club address". Well, since there has been no response none shall be mailed!...and per chance, if there will be no response after this issue ...Let us hear from you even if you wish to maintain your present office.

The 1975 Membership Elongated Design Contest was very successful. Thanks to those who submitted designs and congratulations to Paul Aubry for his winning design. Most of all our deepest appreciation to the House of Elongateds for producing the coin.

Who will submit the winning 1976 Membership Elongated Design? It could be you. The simple thing is to submit the design...you don't have to be an artist.

Please submit your MEMBERSHIP DUES as soon as possible. We really hate to keep on reminding certain late individuals, and extra stamps cost extra money.

So my friends, have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Keep those letters coming.

Cordially yours,





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March 15th - June 15th - September 15th - December 15th

THE BULLETIN BOARD section of the newsletter is intended as a media for the collector who wishes to display his or her desire to obtain elongated coins, or make it known that he or she has a coin(s) which one may wish to obtain. The bulletin board first appeared in the 1973 Third Quarter Newsletter and I would think that since there is no charge for space in this section that more members would take advantage of it.

Under no circumstance will THE BULLETIN BOARD display FOR SALE ads. Advertising space is available at the following rates:

Quarter page \$ 1.50 - Half page \$ 2.50 - Full page \$ 5.00

Courtesy will be given to all dealers and rollers who are members of Midwest Elongated Collectors. Upon request their names and addresses will be printed in a special section designated as such.



Henry W. Blaha, who was a dedicated elongated collector took it upon himself one year to purchase TEC badges for an ANA convention. These badges which were found in Henry's estate by his brother were given to Charles Mueller to be distributed among MEC members who are also TEC members.

For those MEC/TEC members who wish a badge may obtain one for a 50¢ donation to the MEC treasury. Send your request to Burton Neal Levy, P.O. Box 59428, Chicago, Il. 60659



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Abe Geftter upon celebrating their 49th Wedding Anniversary. I received a postal card from them while they were visiting Tokyo, Japan...Find any elongateds Abe?





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